(c) As per information received, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Kerala, Karnataka, Mizoram, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Pondicherry, Delhi, Chandigarh Admn. and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu have so far imposed reduced stock-limits on wheat in respect of wholesalers and retailers. In respect of roller flour mills, State Governments of Haryana, Mizoram, Punjab, Assam, Delhi, Pondicherry and Chandigarh Administration have so far imposed the stock limits.

Hiring of private godowns by F.C.I.

1396. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has floated a scheme of hiring private godowns exclusively constructed according to its specifications ;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme including the initial rent fixed for such godowns ;

(c) whether the rent was increased once and thereafter cut down arbitrarily; and

(d) the rent being paid as at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Under a scheme known as Agriculture Refinance and Development Corporation (ARDC) Scheme which was floated during 1976-77 and was implemented in four phases, godowns were got constructed by private parties according to FCI's specifications with guaranteed occupation for 5 years with right of extension by FCI for one more year. The rents for such godowns were to be within a ceiling of 50 paise per sq. ft. per month for urban areas and 40 paise per sq. ft. per month for rural areas. No such scheme, however, is now in operation.

(c) During the guarantee period, rents have not been increased or cut down arbitrarily. Only after the expiry of guarantee period, refixation of rent is undertaken taking all relevant factors into account.

(d) Rents are being regulated as per principles indicated above.

Central Warehousing Corporation

1397. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for non-implementation of wage settlement though Memorandum of Understanding has been signed on 9-1-92 between the Federation of CWC Employees' Union and their Management ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the warehouses in CWC, Calcutta region have been closed during last one year if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was a decision in CWC during 1982 that no Junior Supdt. or Technical Assistant would be posted as Warehouse Manager ;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the warehouses in Calcutta Region are managed by the Junior Suptdts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) The Wage settlement is under examination at the Government level.

(b) The warehouses at Sankrail, Bhadreshwar, Budge-I Budge-II and Meghna were closed during 1991-92 since their continuance was not required by Jute Corporation of India who were exclusive users of those warehouses. In addition, the warehouse at Chhatakal was closed to inadequate business.

(c) As per norms approved in 1987, warehouses up to 15,000 MT are to be under the charge of Superintendents. However, at times due to administrative exigencies or business considerations, Junior Superintendents/Technical Assistants are also allowed to hold charge of the warehouse.

(d) and (e) The warehouses located at Ghusuri, Ambica Jute Mills, Presidency Jute Mills, South Shyam Nagar Jute Mills, Taratalla, Mallarpur, Sheoraphuli, Bolpur, Belda, Bethuadhari, Habra, Lake Depot, Sarkrpool, Birati and Falta in Calcutta Region are being managed by Junior Superintendents or Technical Assistants for the reasons mentioned in (c) above.

Licences for sugar factories

1398. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the statewise number of applications pending for grant of licences for sugar factories with Government ; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) A statement showing the State-wise number of applications received for grant of Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences for the establishment of new sugar factories which are pending with the Government for consideration, as on 31-3-1992, is annexed. (*See below*).

(b) In view of the large pendency of unimplemented Letters of Intent/Industrial Licences already issued, proposals for setting up of new sugar factories have not yet been taken up for consideration.

Statement

State-wise number of applications received for grant of letters of Intent/Industrial Licences for establishment of new sugar factories which are pending with the government for consideration.

(*As on* 31-3-1992)

Sl. No.	State	No. of applications pending for new sugar factories
1	Uttar Pradesh	221
2	Maharashtra	227
3	Andhra Pradesh	89
4	Punjab	29
5	Orissa	2
6	Madhya Pradesh	10
7	Rajasthan	2
8	Tamil Nadu	27
9	Gujarat	12
10	Haryana	17
11	Bihar	23
12	Karnataka	55
13	Himachal Pradesh	01
14	Kerala	01
	Total	716

Sugar Industry

1399. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar industry is in doldrums due to the wavering policy of Government in fixing prices of sugarcane and sugar ; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation and to ensure a rational price set-up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :(a) No, Sir.

(b) The Statutory Minimum Price of sugar-cane and the ex-factory price/retail